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### AIR STATION ORDER 5510.15C

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point

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Subj: POSSESSION, USE AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL FIREARMS, WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, AMMUNITION AND FIREWORKS

Ref: (a) MCO 5500.18  
(b) DoD 4160.21-M (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Privacy Act Statement

1. Purpose. To establish regulations per reference (a) governing the possession, use and storage of personal firearms, weapons, explosives, ammunition, and fireworks aboard MCAS, Cherry Point and areas under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General. This Order is intended to be punitive in nature. Penalties for violation of the standards and rules of conduct set forth by this Order include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions for military personnel and civilians. This Order is a regulatory general order and all provisions herein apply to all Department of Defense personnel without further implementation. A violation of these provisions, and the laws and regulations enforced by these provisions, is punishable in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for military personnel and is the basis for appropriate disciplinary action and criminal prosecution with respect to civilian employees.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 5510.15B.

3. Information. This Order establishes standard, simplified procedures and forms for registering privately owned firearms/weapons of military and civilian personnel to be introduced on this installation. It also establishes policy and procedures for the execution of searches and seizures of firearms/weapons.

4. Action. All military personnel, MCAS family members, and civilians possessing firearms/weapons within the limits of MCAS, Cherry Point, Marine Corps Outlying Landing Field (MCOFL), Atlantic, Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field (MCALF), Bogue, and MCOFL, Oak Grove to include such adjacent government housing areas as Fort Macon Village, Slocum Village and Hancock Village, will comply with the contents of this Order. As used in these regulations "Station" or

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"Reservation" is the general term used to describe all real estate within the geographical limits of this Order, the area known as MCAS, Cherry Point and over which the Commanding General exercises either exclusive, concurrent, or proprietary jurisdiction. The Provost Marshal will enforce the regulations contained herein and forward reports of violations as appropriate.

a. Paragraphs 6i, 6j, 6k, and 6l clearly define the term jurisdiction of the Commanding General.

b. Paragraphs 7b, 7d (1), and 7d (2)(b) clearly define the types of weapons authorized for hunting aboard the installation and weapons storage requirements.

c. Elimination of paragraph 8, (Security of Firearms/Weapons).

d. Elimination of paragraph 12b, (Sale by Marine Corps Exchange).

e. Paragraph 12d, clearly defines the prohibited areas for firing pneumatically operated firearms/weapons.

5. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:

a. Firearm. A device capable of firing a missile or round using an explosive charge as a propellant.

b. Personal Firearm. Any privately or individually owned/possessed rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver.

c. Weapon. As used in this regulation; includes pellet guns, air pistols, air rifles, slingshots, bows and arrows, crossbows, clubs, knives with blades exceeding three inches in length, nightsticks, nunchukas, and throwing stars (shurikens).

d. Explosives. Any explosive article, chemical compound or combination thereof, excluding small arms ammunition.

e. Ammunition. Any cartridge, round or shell capable of being discharged from a rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver.

f. Fireworks. Any combustible or explosive device designed to produce a striking display of light, a loud noise or pyrotechnics display.

g. Prohibited Weapons. Any instrument or weapon commonly known as black jack, billy club, metal knuckles, throwing knives, butterfly knife, spring loaded (switchblade) or gravity fed knife, or illegally modified firearm is prohibited

h. Possession. The exercise of actual physical custody and control over weapons/firearms. Possession may be established by the fact that the weapons/firearms were found on the premises or in a place over which a person exercises control.

i. Air Station. All areas under the command and control of the Commanding General, MCAS, Cherry Point to include government housing areas in Slocum Village, Hancock Village, Fort Macon Village, MCOLF, Atlantic, MCALF, Bogue and Military Park Area.

j. Exclusive Jurisdiction. Sole jurisdiction for a given area and exercise executive (law enforcement), legislative (Commanding General), and judicial (Joint Law Center) authority. MCAS, Cherry Point to include Hancock Village Housing Area, MCOLF and MCALF, Bogue are exclusive jurisdiction.

k. Concurrent Jurisdiction. Dual jurisdiction where perhaps military exercises authority, but State jurisdiction is also applicable. Normally military police handle active duty military personnel and civilian law enforcement personnel handle civilians. However, no concurrent jurisdiction exists on MCAS, Cherry Point.

l. Proprietary Jurisdiction. Where government has rights of ownership, but State retains jurisdiction. Military mainly interested in landowner matters: government property and military personnel. Slocum Village Housing Area, Fort Macon Village Housing Area and Military Park Area are proprietarily jurisdiction.

m. Conviction. A final adjudication that may include one or more of the following:

(1) Pleas of nolo contendere accepted by a court.

(2) Pleas of guilty or finding of guilty (or tantamount to a finding of guilty) on any charge of violating State, Federal, Foreign Criminal Law, or the UCMJ.

## 6. Possession

a. Registration of Privately Owned Firearms/Weapons by Station Residents.

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(1) Per reference (a), all privately owned firearms/weapons, as defined by this Order, and capable of firing a projectile, used, possessed and introduced aboard MCAS, Cherry Point shall be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) by the owner. All firearms/weapons which are not duly registered or which are transported in violation of this Order will be confiscated. The firearms/weapons will be returned to the owner only after proof has been presented that it has been registered with the Provost Marshal's Office and authorized by the individual's commanding officer. Weapons not requiring registration will be returned only after authorization by the individual's commanding officer. Prohibited weapons will be forfeited and disposed of per reference (b) at the completion of legal or administrative procedures.

(2) Requirements for registering any privately owned firearms/weapons with the PMO are as follows:

(a) The registrant must possess a valid military, retired, dependent, or authorized civilian ID card.

(b) The registrant must have proof of purchase of the firearms/weapons, or bring the actual firearms/weapons to be registered in an unloaded and safe condition at the time of registration. This will enable the Pass and Identification Section to verify the actual serial number and/or description of the firearms/weapons being registered.

(c) Registrants of privately owned firearms/weapons must report to the Pass and Identification Office, located adjacent to the Main Gate, in Building #251. There, they must complete a Weapon Registration Card for each weapon to be registered. The following registration information is required (see enclosure (1)):

- 1 SSN
- 2 Full Name
- 3 Race
- 4 Sex
- 5 DOB
- 6 Height
- 7 Weight
- 8 Hair Color
- 9 Eye Color
- 10 Unit Section and Phone Number
- 11 Home Address and Phone Number

b. Firearms/Weapons Introduction to MCAS by Non-Station Residents. Military and civilian personnel residing off station may transport firearms/weapons on board MCAS, Cherry Point for recreational shooting and hunting purposes only. Firearms/weapons intended for recreational shooting will be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office. Registration procedures are the same as identified in paragraph 7a (2) above. Those individuals desiring to hunt on station may only bring shotguns, muzzle loading rifles, twenty-two (.22) caliber rim fire rifles or bows and arrows aboard MCAS, Cherry Point. A hunting permit will be considered authorization to carry shotguns or muzzle loading rifles into authorized hunting areas. Armed hunters will proceed directly to and from their authorized hunting areas only. Persons living off station who hunt before or after work may store an unloaded, cased, shotgun, muzzle loading rifle, twenty-two (.22) caliber rim fire rifle, or bow and arrows in their locked privately owned vehicle.

c. Firearms/Weapons in Housing/Station Quarters. All persons, military and civilian, residing in government controlled housing, must register all privately owned firearms/weapons with the Provost Marshal's Office in order to retain such items in their respective quarters. Only firearms/weapons owned by residents may be kept in quarters.

(1) Reference (a) requires all firearms be kept unloaded and secured with a gun lock, cable lock, gun safe or strongbox to prevent use by incompetent personnel and/or children. Precautions will also be taken to safeguard ammunition from misuse.

(2) Black and smokeless powder intended for personal use in quantities not to exceed five pounds combination, may be stored in original containers in residences in a wooden box or cabinet having walls at least one inch nominal thickness. Ammunition not to exceed 2000 rounds each of center fire and rimfire may be stored in quarters.

d. Firearms/Weapons in Barracks

(1) Personnel in the ranks of E-5 and below shall not possess or store any firearms/weapons, or ammunition in any barracks. All such firearms/ weapons and ammunition will either be stored in their organizational armory or off the Marine Corps installation. Firearms/weapons stored in a unit armory must also be registered with the Provost Marshal.

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(2) Per reference (a), SNCOs and officers permanently billeted in SNCO BEQ/BOQ may be permitted to store privately owned firearms/weapons and user amounts of ammunition under the following guidelines:

(a) The firearms/weapons must be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office.

(b) At a minimum, all firearms/weapons must be kept unloaded and secured with a gun lock, cable lock, gun safe or strongbox to prevent use by incompetent personnel and/or children. Precautions will also be taken to safeguard ammunition from misuse.

(3) SNCOs and officers in transient quarters are not permitted to possess or store firearms/weapons in their rooms. No one shall possess or store firearms/weapons in work areas.

e. Unit Responsibility

(1) Each unit commander will ensure that individuals of their command who have firearms/weapons in the unit armory have access to the armory for the purpose of picking up and turning in their privately owned firearms/weapons.

(2) Individuals desiring to purchase a handgun must have written authorization from their commanding officer in order to facilitate compliance with local regulatory procedures governing the purchase of firearms/weapons in the state of North Carolina, pursuant to North Carolina Statute 14-404. This written authorization is carried to the Provost Marshal's Office where a records check is conducted and the findings are addressed to the Sheriff's Office in the county where the applicant resides.

(3) Provisions of this Order will be brought to the attention of all newly assigned personnel during initial orientation and as often thereafter as deemed necessary.

f. Transportation of Firearms/Weapons by MCAS Residents.

Individuals authorized to maintain their firearms/weapons on station who desire to participate in on/off station hunting or recreational shooting will proceed with their firearms/weapons directly from the unit armory/government housing to the hunting or recreational shooting area. The firearms/weapons will be returned in the same manner.

g. Civilian Law Enforcement Personnel. Properly identified civilian law enforcement personnel/officers who enter MCAS, Cherry Point on official business will not be required to surrender firearms/weapons with which they are normally armed.

h. Joint Public Affairs Office (JPAO) Responsibility. JPAO will ensure periodic dissemination of the contents of this Order.

## 7. Carrying of Weapons

a. Concealment of Firearms/Weapons. No firearms/weapons will be concealed either on a person or in a vehicle, except by individuals who are employed as full time law enforcement personnel, and other cases specifically authorized by the Provost Marshal. Transportation of firearms/weapons is outlined in paragraph 8 below.

b. Martial Arts Weapons. Martial arts weapons, i.e., nunchukus and throwing stars, will only be carried directly to and from authorized instructional areas.

c. Knives. Knives are not authorized to be carried or transported if the blade exceeds three inches in length unless the knife is a hunting/fishing or diving knife. This type of knife may only be carried/transported to or from a hunting/fishing area. Upon completion of the hunting or fishing activity, the owner will return the knife to his/her respective unit armory or housing quarters. This regulation is not intended to preclude the legitimate use of a workman's knife by military or civilian workers during the performance of their work duties.

8. Transportation/Carrying of Firearms/Weapons. Military and civilian personnel may carry privately owned, unloaded firearms/weapons on MCAS, Cherry Point either on their person or in a vehicle only for the purpose of obtaining proper registration, transportation from place of purchase on station or for authorized hunting and recreational activities. Privately owned firearms/weapons will remain unloaded at all times except when actually participating in authorized hunting and recreational shooting. While transporting firearms/weapons aboard MCAS, Cherry Point they will be in plain view and as far from vehicle occupant as possible or secured within the trunk of the vehicle. Ammunition and firearms/weapons will be separated to the greatest extent possible.

9. Firing or Discharge of Firearms/Weapons. The firing or discharge of firearms/weapons on this reservation other than as authorized by the Commanding General is prohibited. This prohibition includes informal target practice in the wooded areas of the Air Station.

10. Possession or Use of Explosives, Fireworks, or Pyrotechnics. The introduction, possession, or use of explosives, fireworks, or pyrotechnics on this reservation is prohibited except as required in the proper performance of official duties.

11. Pneumatically Operated Firearms/Weapons. A pneumatically operated firearms/weapons, i.e., air rifles, air pistols and those weapons operated by compressed CO2 or similar methods that are designed to fire BB shots or pellets by air, gas, or spring are authorized to be fired aboard the confines of MCAS, Cherry Point under the following conditions:

a. Persons under the age of 16 years of age will be supervised by a parent when firing such firearms/weapons.

b. Pneumatically operated firearms/weapons will only be fired at targets and not at persons, wildlife, pets, or property.

c. Target backstops must be of sufficient size and thickness to preclude any hazard to persons or property.

d. The firing of pneumatically operated firearms/weapons is strictly prohibited within 200 yards of any inhabited area, squadron, battalion, quarters, club recreational area, pasture, runway, taxiway, or other aircraft operating area.

12. Pneumatically Operated Paintball Guns. Pneumatically operated paintball guns will only be fired within areas specifically designated for their usage.

13. Sale of Firearms/Weapons by Individual. Any firearms/weapons sold by an individual aboard MCAS, Cherry Point shall be reported to the Provost Marshal in order that the registration may be canceled. The seller will report the name and organization/address of the individual to whom the firearms/weapons is sold.



14. Possessing and/or Carrying Walking Sticks, Canes, and Clubs.

Walking sticks, canes, clubs, and similar items which may be used or are designed to inflict blows upon an individual will not be carried on MCAS, Cherry Point. Canes may only be used when prescribed by a medical officer. Prescriptions requiring canes will be in the possession of any person authorized to carry them.

15. Concurrence. The Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, the Commanding Officers, Naval Hospital, Naval Aviation Depot, and CSSD-21, concur with the contents of this Order insofar as it pertains to members of their command.

  
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***PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT***

Disclosure of the information contained in this form may be made in the following circumstances: in the event that information contained in this record indicates a violation or potential violation of civil, criminal, or regulatory law, disclosure may be made to the appropriate Federal, state, local, or foreign agency charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the law; to appropriate Federal, state, or local agencies if necessary to obtain information relevant to a decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit; to a Federal agency, in response to its request, in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter; to a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual; to the Office of Management and Budget in connection with the review of private relief legislation as set forth in OMB Circular A-19 at any stage of the legislative coordination and clearance process as set forth in that Circular; to foreign law enforcement, security, investigators, or administrative authorities in order to comply with requirements imposed by, or to claim rights conferred in, international agreements and arrangements including those regulating the stationing and status in foreign countries of DoD military and civilian personnel; any information normally contained in IRS Form W-2 may be disclosed to state and local taxing authorities; to the Office of Personnel Management as necessary for the Office of Personnel Management to carry out its legally authorized functions; to any component of the Department of Justice for the purpose of representing the DoD, or any officer, employee, or member of the DOD in pending or potential litigation to which the record is pertinent; to the General Services Administration for the purpose of records management inspections; to the National Archives and Records Administration for the purpose of records management inspections; to the Merit Systems Protection Board for the purpose of litigation, review of OPM or component rules or regulations, investigation of alleged

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or possible prohibited personnel practices, and other such functions; for the purpose of counterintelligence activities authorized by U.S. Law or Executive Order or for the purpose of enforcing laws which protect the national security of the United States; to officials of duly established local, state, and federal courts as a result of court order pertaining to matters properly within the purview of said court; to the State or the House of Representatives of the U.S. or any committee or subcommittee thereof, any joint committee of Congress or subcommittee of joint committee on matters within their jurisdiction; to the Comptroller General of the U.S. or any of his authorized representatives in the course of the performance of the duties of the General Accounting Office relating to the Marine Corps; to provide information to another agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the U.S. which has been authorized by law to conduct law enforcement activities pursuant to a request that the agency or instrumentality initiate a criminal or civil action against an individual on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, or the Department of Defense; and to provide information to individuals pursuant to a request for assistance in a criminal or civil action against a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, by the U.S. Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, or the Department of Defense.

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